



## **Support Marissa Murrow Act (SB 1057 by Senator Rosino and Representative Echols)**

Dear Representative,

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) urges you to support the Marissa Murrow Act (SB 1057) by Senator Rosino and Representative Echols. The measure will close loopholes to ensure alcohol is served responsibly to those 21 and over.

**The problem of drunk driving is getting worse in Oklahoma.** According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), 192 people were killed in drunk driving crashes in Oklahoma in 2021—a 7% increase from 2020 when 180 people died in these 100% preventable violent crashes.

**Marissa Murrow Act closes loopholes.** SB 1057 is named for a University of Central Oklahoma student who was struck head-on by an intoxicated driver who'd been drinking at a wedding event venue in 2020. Currently, Oklahoma has laws on the books relating to situations when someone has been overserved at a bar or restaurant, but it doesn't specifically address event venues. SB 1057 will close that loophole.

There are currently some 3,000 event venues in the state, and under current statutes, they are not required to hold any kind of license in order for alcohol to be served at their locations. SB 1057 would stipulate that a caterer could not sell or distribute alcoholic beverages on the premises unless the venue holds an event venue license from the Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement (ABLE) Commission.

MADD urges you to support the Marissa Murrow Act (SB 1057). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [jerod.breit@madd.org](mailto:jerod.breit@madd.org) or 816-318-4515. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this important request.

Sincerely,

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